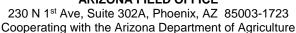
ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, cotton planting was 52 percent complete compared to 65 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-six percent of the cotton planted has emerged compared with 35 percent last year. Cotton planting season is moving ahead full steam with central Arizona cotton planting approximately 65-75 percent complete and a big portion of it already emerged. In Arizona, 90 percent of barley has headed compared with 73 percent last year, and 38 percent has matured compared with 23 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Ninety percent of durum wheat has headed compared with 68 percent last year, and 26 percent has matured compared with 19 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. In central Arizona, growers shipped cabbage and celery. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, conditions continue to decline with high temperatures and high winds affecting livestock summer pasture. Fire and threat of fire continue to be concerns for producers. The Tinder fire started on April 29th in northern Gila County and spread rapidly. In the North Central part of the State all forage has depleted quickly, and springs and ephemeral waters are mostly non-existent. In some areas of the Northwestern part of the State, new forage is non-existent, old forage is limited, and even native evergreen plants are showing signs of drought stress. In the South Central part of the State, extreme winds have also affected crop conditions. For the week ending on April 29th, only St. Johns of the 46 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation at 0.04 inches. All of the 46 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 103 degrees at Mohave and the lowest was 28 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley	* '			* '		
Headed	90	85	73	NA		
Mature	38	31	23	NA		
Cotton						
Planted	52	45	65	68		
Emerged	26	17	35	NA		
Durum wheat						
Headed	90	83	68	NA		
Mature	26	21	19	NA		

NA - not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	3		NA
Short	10	5	20	NA
Adequate	85	88	69	NA
Surplus		4	11	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	3	8	NA
Short	10	4	9	NA
Adequate	85	89	78	NA
Surplus		4	5	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	4	,	,	,
Very poor			1	3
Poor	2	1	3	2
Fair	15	16	26	17
Good	55	52	43	43
Excellent	28	31	27	35
Barley				
Very poor			1	1
Poor	5	5	1	1
Fair	41	40	13	26
Good	39	31	63	48
Excellent	15	24	22	24
Durum wheat				
Very poor				
Poor	4	1		
Fair	23	14	4	11
Good	38	41	81	61
Excellent	35	44	15	28
Pasture and range				
Very poor	44	35	14	18
Poor	43	44	13	17
Fair	8	11	23	31
Good	5	10	35	30
Excellent			15	4

NA-not available

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_& Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-04292018.pdf

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